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## **Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting for Miami Springs Community Center**

MIAMI SPRINGS, FL – Ribbon Cutting ceremonies and the official Grand Opening for the new Miami Springs Community Center will take place on Thursday evening, April 8, 2010 at 7 p.m. in the parking lot of the facility at 1401 Westward Drive, Miami Springs. Mayor Billy Bain and City Council Members invite the general public to attend, tour the building and enjoy the festivities.

The highlight of the program will be remarks by Miami-Dade District 6 Commissioner Rebeca Sosa who was instrumental in helping the City secure \$3.52 million from the Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond and other County sources towards the \$6.2 million cost of construction, which was also financed through other City, federal and State of Florida sources.

The unique, modernized Pueblo-Mission Revival-style structure was designed by Rodriguez-Pereira Architects and built by LINK Construction, both of Miami. The interior features first and second floor lobby wall murals depicting the history of Miami Springs by Hollywood artist Carlos Pereira, and graphic action figure panels in the gym by Miami Springs resident and graphic designer Dana Estabrook. In addition to a black box theater, the new building houses athletic spaces, multipurpose classrooms, storage and offices. Indoor areas are available for voting, classes, meetings, and visits by governmental officials and services. An indoor running track and state-of-the-art Fitness Room are provided for use by residents of all ages. This facility has also been constructed to withstand hurricane-force winds, for post-disaster shelter and resource purposes, and features energy-efficient and green technologies for insulation, water usage and re-use, recycling, and HVAC to minimize the carbon footprint of the site activity.

States Mayor Bain, "Our new Community Center will play a lead role in leisure, recreation, and the fitness and well-being of our community. It will become the focal point of our community, support special events, competitions, performances and expanded activity offerings - all contributing to our economy - and bring the residents of the "River Cities" area of northwest Miami-Dade County together. This new community center is more than bricks and mortar, it is a declaration of community pride."

A large turnout is expected for the Grand Opening, and the Miami Springs Police Department advises attendees to be aware of anticipated road closures for the evening. Parking will be available in the median of Westward Drive and around Prince Field. Overflow parking will be at the Optimist Club, 1101 Wren Avenue, and a City shuttle bus will run continuously during the evening to bring people to the event.